

MINUTES

North Dakota State Water Commission Telephone Conference Call Meeting Bismarck, North Dakota

May 30, 2001

The North Dakota State Water Commission held a telephone conference call meeting in the Governor's conference room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on May 30, 2001. Governor-Chairman, John Hoeven, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, and requested Interim State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary, Dale L. Frink, to call the roll. Governor Hoeven announced a quorum was present.

STATE WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Governor John Hoeven, Chairman
Roger Johnson, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Bismarck
Judith DeWitz, Member from Tappen
Charles Halcrow, Member from Drayton
Larry Hanson, Member from Williston
Elmer Hillesland, Member from Grand Forks
Jack Olin, Member from Dickinson
Harley Swenson, Member from Bismarck
Robert Thompson, Member from Page
Dale L. Frink, Interim State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary,
North Dakota State Water Commission, Bismarck

OTHERS PRESENT:

William Goetz, Office of the Governor, Bismarck
Robert Harms, Office of the Governor, Bismarck (by phone)
Dave Koland, North Dakota Rural Water Association, Bismarck
Michael Dwyer, North Dakota Water Users Association, Bismarck
Marcia Harris, North Dakota Public Radio, Bismarck
State Water Commission Staff

The attendance register is on file with the official minutes.

The meeting was recorded to assist in compilation of the minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF STATE WATER COMMISSION MEMBER - CHARLES "MAC" HALCROW, DRAYTON, NORTH DAKOTA

Charles "Mac" Halcrow, Drayton, ND, was introduced. Mr. Halcrow was appointed by Governor Hoeven to serve as a member of the State Water Commission, replacing Florenz Bjornson, West Fargo, ND. His term was effective May 1, 2001 and expires June 30, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

There being no additional items for the agenda, Governor Hoeven announced the agenda approved as presented.

STATE ENGINEER'S SEARCH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF DALE L. FRINK, 16TH N.D. STATE ENGINEER

Commissioner Jack Olin, Chairman of the State Engineer's search committee, reported the closing date for accepting applications for the position of the North Dakota State Engineer was April

2, 2001. Ten applications were received. The search committee met on April 9, 2001 to review the resumes and recommendations, and selected five candidates for the interview process. The following candidates were selected for additional interviews: Dale L. Frink, State Water Commission, Bismarck; Todd Sando, State Water Commission, Bismarck; and Stephen Hoetzer, former State Water Commission employee, and presently a water consultant in Bismarck.

It was the recommendation of the State Engineer's search committee that Dale L. Frink be hired as the 16th North Dakota State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, at an annual salary of \$75,000, effective June 1, 2001.

The Commission members expressed comments of support for the committee's recommendation. Commissioner Halcrow said although he supports the recommendation he would have preferred Todd Sando because he might bring "a new perspective" to Red River flooding.

It was moved by Commissioner Olin and seconded by Commissioner Johnson that the State Water Commission approve the appointment of Dale L. Frink as the 16th North Dakota State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, at an annual salary of \$75,000, effective June 1, 2001.

Commissioners DeWitz, Halcrow, Hanson, Hillesland, Johnson, Olin, Swenson, Thompson, and Governor Hoeven voted aye. There were no nay votes. Governor Hoeven announced the motion unanimously carried.

Dale Frink expressed his thanks and appreciation to Governor Hoeven and the members of the State Water Commission, and said he is humbled and honored to be selected as the North Dakota State Engineer. "I recognize the challenges we have in North Dakota, and I look forward to the opportunity to lead the water community in water management and development. Thank you very much for your support."

Governor Hoeven and the State Water Commission members expressed their appreciation to the State Engineer's search committee for their efforts. Governor Hoeven dismissed the committee.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
OF APPRECIATION TO
FLORENZ BJORNSON, STATE
WATER COMMISSION MEMBER
(SWC Resolution No. 2001-5-494)**

A resolution of appreciation to Florenz Bjornson, State Water Commission member, was presented for the Commission's consideration. Ms. Bjornson provided the benefit of her knowledge and experience to the State of North Dakota as a member of the State Water Commission for a total of over 12 years.

It was moved by Commissioner DeWitz, seconded by Commissioner Olin, and unanimously carried, that the State Water Commission approve Resolution No. 2001-5-494, In Appreciation to Florenz Bjornson, State Water Commission member. SEE APPENDIX "A"

There being no further business to come before the State Water Commission, Governor Hoeven adjourned the telephone conference call meeting at 9:15 AM.

John Hoeven
Governor-Chairman
North Dakota State Water Commission

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Dale L. Frink
Interim North Dakota State Engineer,
and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the
North Dakota State Water Commission